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Nomination for PPQ Deputy Administrator's Outstanding Achievement Award.

This is a group nomination for the following Seattle Agriculture Specialists in the Advanced Targeting Unit and trade inspections:

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On March 9, 2008, CBP placed an agriculture hold on an ocean shipment manifested as "LAMINATED GLASS". Live wood boring insects of the families Scolytidae, Cerambycidae, and Siricidae were found in the wood packaging material (WPM) accompanying the shipment. As a result of this find, two other shipments that arrived on the same vessel for the same shipper were inspected and the inspection results were nearly identical, i.e. infested WPM. For all three shipments, the WPM was stamped with IPPC stamps indicating that the WPM had been heat treated. As a result of these interceptions, other shipments arriving in Seattle for this shipper were placed on hold. Between March 25 and April 23, Seattle Agriculture Specialists discovered a total of 14 shipments from this shipper with infested and IPPC-marked WPM.

Seattle Agriculture Specialists generated a Significant Agriculture Incident Report (attached) which was submitted to CBP headquarters and distributed to CBP personnel nationwide. The Seattle Advanced Targeting Unit placed lookouts in placed lookouts in CBP's national targeting system. As a result of Seattle's actions and notifications, CBP headquarters generated national criteria to ensure that all arriving shipments for the company of interest would be automatically targeted for agriculture inspection.

The efforts by these agriculture specialists have produced the following results:

1. Agriculture Specialists at ports of entry all over the United States have held and inspected shipments for this shipper. As of July 18, 2008, a total of 114 shipments at nine ports of entry were rejected and ordered re-exported for infested wood packaging material.
2. In response to this consistent pattern of WPM infestation, all from the same shipper and all treated at the same facility, PPQ notified CBP that WPM treated at that facility should be considered fraudulent and refused entry. APTL tasked the ports to deny entry to any WPM with IPPC markings from that facility.
3. The Seattle CBP Fines Penalties and Forfeitures Branch with the assistance of the agriculture specialists has initiated a penalty in excess of 3.3 million dollars. The penalty amount was based on all actions against the importer nationwide.



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4. CBP is conducting targeting analyses of the shipper, and learned that some of their product was arriving in the US via Canada under from a Canadian exporter. As a result, a targeting effort on the Canadian border has ensued. One shipment arriving from Canada has been rejected.
5. Seattle notified PPQ, Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance, who have pursued trace-backs and domestic inspections of the shipments of concern.
6. The Seattle Public Affairs Office generated a press release about the initial interceptions. This release prompted local Seattle King5 TV News and the local National Public Radio channel to air stories on CBP efforts to exclude pests that infest imported WPM. The King5 story can be accessed on the web at [www.king5.com/localnews/stories/NW\\_041808WAB\\_pests\\_found\\_shipment\\_KS.7848cca2.html](http://www.king5.com/localnews/stories/NW_041808WAB_pests_found_shipment_KS.7848cca2.html)

Thanks to the efforts of these five individuals a serious pest introduction of national proportions may have been averted.



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# News Release

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## Seattle CBP Agriculture Specialists Intercept Destructive Pests

**SEATTLE** — Three potential destructive pest species were intercepted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists recently on the waterfront here. Several ocean containers arriving from China were targeted by CBP for an intensive agriculture examination for potential foreign pests, specifically wood-boring insects. These insects, most notably the Asian Long horned Beetle, have frequently been intercepted in ocean cargo from Asia imported into Seattle.

The shipments, destined for an auto glass importer in Cleveland, OH, were offloaded from the vessel Hanjin London at Seattle’s Pier 46 and examined on March 24<sup>th</sup> at a container examination station. Three different types of insect larvae were discovered in the three shipments and identified by USDA as bark beetles (Scolytidae), long-horned beetles (Cerambycidae) and wood wasps (Siricidae). All three species can pose a significant threat to hardwood trees in the U.S. The long-horned beetle has the potential to cause more damage than Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight and the gypsy moth combined if established in the U.S.

“These important pest interceptions represent the significant priority CBP places on our agriculture inspection program.” said Seattle CBP Service Area Port Director Roland Suliveras. “America’s agriculture economic interests are well served by our dedicated staff of CBP agriculture specialists.”

All three shipments were denied entry into the US and ordered for immediate export.

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# U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION



**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT/SEIZURE: 300103242008SAIR A Rare Interception  
Triple Play in WPM**

Field Office: SEATTLE



## Port: 3001 SEATTLE

### DATA

Pathway (mode of transportation): Maritime Vessel Hanjin  
London

Incident Date: 03/24/2008

Shipment Description: GLASS  
AWB/BL #: COSU6012212371  
Container #: TTNU4260961  
Shipment declared as: LAMINATED GLASS

Shipper: XINYI AUTOMOBILE GLASS  
SHENZHEN CHINA

Importer: CUYAHOGA AUTOGLASS  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Pest(s) Intercepted: SCOLYTID BARK BEETLE,  
CERAMBYCID LONG-HORNED BEETLE, SIRICID WOOD  
WASP

309#: APSWA080842669005, APSWA080842669006,  
APSWA080842669007  
EAN#: 63642-POE

Brief Narrative: 03/09/08 CBPAS Gray targeted the shipment for Wood Packing Material Exam. 03/24/08 CBPAS Adams inspected the container at Macmillan Piper CES. **Bark was found on the IPPC stamped WPM. Three different types of larvae, Scolytidae, Cerambycidae, and Siricidae, were found under the in the wood.** 03/25/08 USDA identified the larvae, an Emergency Action Notification was faxed to the broker for Immediate Export of the shipment. **Two other shipments from the same shipper on the same vessel were inspected and found to also contain timber pests, Cerambycids and Scolytids.**



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